

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15 November 2012
at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal**

PRESENT. Cllrs M Taylor (Chairman), J Brown, I Hunt, G Isherwood, F Mason-Hornby, P Rogers, M Rowley, A Wren and Parish Clerk P Smith. County and District Cllr R Bingham and District Cllr B Cooper were in attendance.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE. One member of the public was present.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr J Hopwood.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION.** Cllr Mason-Hornby left the room whilst this matter was considered by the Council. Cllr Mason-Hornby had submitted a written request for a dispensation. As landlord of Dalton Crags he had a potential pecuniary interest in item 10 of the agenda, the Dalton Crags Forest Design Plan. However, the land was leased to the Forestry Commission until 2946 and therefore he had no pecuniary interest in the forestry operation. It was resolved to grant the dispensation.

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18 OCTOBER 2012.** The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

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| | (ACTION) |
| a. The next CALC District Association meeting will be on 29 November. Clerk will attend. | (PS) |
| b. The next Local Area Partnership meeting will be on Thursday 22 November at 7:00pm in Preston Patrick Memorial Hall. Cllr P Rogers will attend. | (PR) |

5. **OPEN FORUM.**

- a. A member of the public asked what information was available on the future of the Royal Hotel site. Cllr Hunt reported that the site was for sale but the Recreation Trust land was not included in the sale.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- a. Applications granted:
- i. **SL/2012/0790** The Gatehouse, Tanpits lane. New double garage and access for Mr Sisson.
- b. Applications refused: None
- c. Applications received:
- i. **SL/2012/0906** 7, Thornleigh Drive. Extension and alterations for Mr Head. No Objection. **(PS)**

7. **FINANCE.** The Council received the Income and Expenditure Account and bank balances as at 15 Nov 12:

Income to date	£13976.42		
Expenditure to date	<u>£13107.92</u>	NatWest Current	£2509.88
Difference	£868.50	NatWest Savings	£11751.17
Balance at 1/04/11	<u>£12846.32</u>	Less cheques etc	<u>-£546.23</u>
Carried forward	£13714.82	Carried Forward	£13714.82

8. **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED.**

(PS)

- a. Lengthsman's hours and expenses to 31 October 2012. £329.44
- b. Clerk's salary and expenses 1 November to 30 November 2012. £166.79

9. **PRECEPT DEMAND FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/14.** The Precept Demand of £11,783.00 for FY 2013/14 was signed. **(PS)**

10. **CONSULTATION ON THE FOREST DESIGN PLAN FOR DALTON CRAGS.** It was agreed that the Council would respond to the Forestry Commission consultation on the new Forest Design Plan for Dalton Crags. In view of the

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damage done to the land by large vehicles during earlier timber extraction, the Council believed it would be appropriate for the Forestry Commission to consider less damaging methods of extraction in future, possibly using horses rather than machines. In discussion the Council also discussed whether the plan should consider contingencies in the light of the disease threat to ash trees. The Clerk was directed to prepare a draft response to the consultation requesting that environmentally more sympathetic logging methods, possibly horse logging, be considered. The draft will be circulated to councillors for approval. It was noted that members of the public would have the opportunity to comment on the plan at the next stage. (PS)

11. ROAD SAFETY THROUGH THE VILLAGE. It was resolved that a senior CCC Highways engineer would be invited to the village to advise on what measures would be most appropriate to reduce the speed of traffic through the most dangerous parts of the village. In particular the Main Street junction with Boon Town, and the main road at Sandy Gap were noted to be of particular concern. Not all of the previously agreed road markings and speed limits had been implemented and CCC would be reminded of these. (PS)

12. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS. The following changes to the recorded Action Items were noted:

- a. Design statements were now part of the neighbourhood planning process. The clerk would circulate to councillors details of how to prepare a neighbourhood plan. (PS)
- b. The road markings and speed limits through Clawthorpe would be discussed with CCC Highways department. (PS)
- c. Cllr Wren reported that he had met with John Bath of CCC Highways as part of the the quarry liaison meeting to resolve the drainage problems on the A6070. In discussion Cllr Wren informed Mr Bath of the problems with resurfacing of Main St and Hutton Close, the delays to resurfacing Burton Park and the problems with drainage on Tanpits Lane after the resurfacing. These points were all acknowledged by CCC. Highways engineers have previously agreed to inspect Hutton Close, but no action has been taken so far. A copy of the Main St resurfacing defects would be sent to Mr Bath. (PS)
- e. A resident had complained that the drop at the sides of Moss Lane where the verges had worn away were hazardous. CCC would be reminded of this outstanding defect. (PS)
- f. The overhanging shrubs at Glebe Close and along the east side of Main St opposite the Church had been cleared. The Church yews and shrubs over the footpath from Old School needed to be cut back. (PS)

13. LENGTHSMAN'S LOG OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTION, REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS, AND REPORTS FROM PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

- a. A lose or broken gatepost on the vehicle entrance gate to the playground was noted on the log. (MT/AW)
- b. Cllr Rogers reported that gully pots at the top of vicarage lane needed clearing. (Subsequent investigation confirmed that the Main St pots had not yet been cleared.) Informal "please slow down" signs had been attached to the 30 signs at Heronsyke. The surface of the market cross plinth had been marked by the materials used by workmen who were reinstating adjacent tarmac.
- c. Cllr Wren reported that at the Land Allocations independent inspection, the landowner and a representative from Persimon Homes spoke in favour of the Church Bank site; the inspector requested a copy of the previous independent inspections. The problems with access and loss of amenity at the Boon Town site were considered. The impact on the heritage value of the Green Dragon site was considered. The inspector's report is not expected until next year.
- d. Cllr Rowley reported that the Firework display had been very successful. She had attended the Recreation Trust AGM. The Trust remained financially viable but there was a pressing need to find more users.
- e. Cllr Isherwood asked if a budget could be made available for planting in the triangle at the junction of Station Lane and Tanpits Lane. It was agreed that funding for plants could be made available. He also reported that the gully pot outside 9, Tanpits was blocked. (PS)
- f. Cllr Hunt reported that he had attended the Neighbourhood Forum and had learned how to tell when red squirrels were in the area.

14. TO NOTE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED. The communications listed below were noted. No further actions were ordered.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will at 7:30pm on Thursday 20 December 2012.

The Meeting Closed at 8:47 pm

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Schedule of Communications to 11 November 2012
Significant communications received:

1. **By e-mail forwarded to Councillors:**
 - a. Forest Design Plan for Dalton Crag.
 - b. Notification of LAP meeting on 22 November.
 - c. Resurfacing update report from CCC.
 - d. CALC Circular.
 - e. Police newsletter.
 - f. LAP meeting agenda and working group on potential community projects.

2. **In circulation folder:**
 - a. Clerks and Councils Direct.
 - b. Great North Air Ambulance.
 - c. British Red Cross.

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
CCC	Cumbria County Council
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
LAP	Local area Partnership
LDF	Local Development Framework
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
ROWIP	Rights of Way Improvement Programme
SLDC	South Lakeland District Council

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